



**1139<sup>th</sup> meeting of the**

**Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**

**7:30PM Wednesday March 23, 2011**

**Building C, Fort Mason  
San Francisco, California**

**MARCH'S PRESENTATION:**

**SANDRA AND MICHAEL**

**WHALEN**

**A VISIT TO THE  
SAINT-GAUDENS NATIONAL  
HISTORIC SITE**

## **1138<sup>th</sup> meeting, February 23, 2011**

New Members in January and February:

Eugene Fursov, Chuck Pilgrim, James Thomassen

Jerry Schimmel presented his talk:

### **Architecture and Exonumia of San Francisco's Barbary Coast and Red Light Districts 1890-1920**

Jerry shared his extensive knowledge of San Francisco's early bars, dance halls, and brothels. His presentation took the audience on a tour of San Francisco's streets and neighborhoods in and around the Barbary Coast. He shared historic photos contrasted with the surviving buildings today. Knowing where to look, one can still see the "cribs" and ornate architecture of former brothels. Traces of dance floors and fancy crown molding can still be seen in some historic buildings. Historic tokens from each of these locations recall the activities of the day. Some were slot machine tokens, others counters that allowed dance hall girls to account for their efforts in encouraging men to drink for the evening, some advertised upscale houses, and others are difficult to interpret their actual purpose.

Many of these stories can be read in past issues of TAMS Journal and Jerry provided copies of them for the audience. Many of these received awards as the best article for the year it was published.

### **Member Exhibits included:**

Bill – Obama satirical encased dime.

Whalen – Teddy Roosevelt fundraising money and coins designed by John Sinnock..

Scott – Two 1975 100 Zaires (gold) pieces graded MS 67 and PF68 Ultra Cameo. He also shared a 1579 jeton from the Spanish Netherlands.

Ed brought an 1833 English commemorative medal celebrating the abolition of slavery in the British Empire.

Michael – Shared two Art Saloon tokens featuring the famous "Jap

Statue." One is the finest known.

Mark brought a Mexico City Coin Show auction catalog.

Dan shared a recent Ebay purchase, the 1972 PCNS Ruth Ludwigsen and S. Evertt Phillips marriage and 682nd meeting medal.

Catz – Shared a 20 Euro 2009 Finland "Peace and Security" commemorative coin.

### **The evening raffle included:**

Donna D., Catz, and Ed won raffle items. Your secretary was engaged in conversations with some of the visitors and neglected to record all the details of the prizes.

***Reminder: It is time to pay your dues if you have not yet done so!***

### **2011 meeting Schedule:**

April 27, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

May 25, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

June 22, 2011: Banquet Location TBA

July 27, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

August 24, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

September 21, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason (Note the 3rd Wednesday)

October 26, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

November 23, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

December 28, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

Please note the date change in September. We need volunteers for speakers. If you have a topic ready and a preference for a speaking date, let us know.

## **Plan Ahead:**

**2011 PCNS Dues:** If you have not yet paid, this is a reminder that you will not receive the next bulletin. Look for a star on your mailing label as a reminder that we have not received your dues. If you receive the Bulletin via email, you can email the Secretary at bill.hyder@gmail.com to verify if we have received your payment.

## **San Francisco Bay Area Post Card Club March Meeting:**

### **Creating the Panama Pacific International Exposition**

Join architectural historian Laura Ackley for the exciting story spanning the period from 1904, when department store magnate Ruben Brooks Hale first proposed a San Francisco world's fair, to the gala opening day on February 20, 1915.

To create the exposition, San Francisco had to surmount a variety of obstacles, any of which could have doomed the fair. The city needed to recover from the devastating 1906 earthquake and fire, defeat New Orleans in an intense Congressional battle, go through a contentious site selection process and finally construct the exposition on a site which was partly underwater at high tide.

Ackley will present dramatic images of each phase of the exposition's creation, including stereoviews, official photographs, souvenirs, magazine articles, telegrams, lantern slides and, of course, postcards.

**Saturday, March 26, 2011**

**Meeting: 12 to 3 PM, program begins at 1:15 PM**

**San Francisco Bay Area Post Card Club**

**Fort Mason Center, C2-60**

**San Francisco**

**Members and guests are invited to bring PPIE items for display or sale.**

PCNS members are reminded that contributions are accepted for the bulletin's back page and speakers are always needed. Prepare a short article or prepare a talk covering your favorite numismatic subject to share with others.